

AIR BATTLES WON BY FRENCH

Friday Was a Time of Great Aerial Activity on West Front.

CLOSING UP ON COMBLES

THE GERMANS DEFENDING IN STRONGLY FORTIFIED HOUSES

The British Drawing Along the Highway Leading to Bapaume—Capturing Strongly Fortified Trenches on a Half Mile Front—Link Up With Others Taken.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Sept. 23.—French aviators took part in fifty-six air battles yesterday, bringing down ten enemy flyers, it was officially announced today. On perhaps no other day of the war has there been such great aerial activity. Sergt. Baron dropped three shells on the military works at Ludwigschafen and three others on the munition works at Mannheim, causing a bad fire.

On the Somme front French patrols, which reached the southern edge of the town of Combles in yesterday's fighting, found numerous German corpses and took fifteen prisoners. The Germans defended themselves desperately in strongly fortified houses on the outskirts of the town and from strong underground defenses.

There was lively cannonading on the Somme front last night, but south of the river there were no infantry activities.

British Successes.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Sept. 23.—The British drove forward along the highway leading to Bapaume last night, Gen. Haig reported this afternoon. East of Courcellette a strongly fortified system of German trenches was captured on a half mile front. The newly captured positions are linked up with existing ones in the previous night's assault.

In two nights' fighting the British line was pushed forward on a front of a mile and a half in the direction of Bapaume. The Germans emerged from their trenches near Thiepval and made a violent attack west of Mouquet Farm. They were driven back with heavy losses.

Quiet in Macedonia.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Sept. 23.—Bad weather hindered operations on all fronts in Macedonia yesterday, it was officially announced today. There were no infantry actions, excepting patrol fights in the region of Lake Doiran.

MOST EFFECTIVE OF AERIAL RAIDS

Considerable Damage Done By British on German Positions.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Sept. 23.—For the third time within a fortnight British aviators made a raid this morning on the German aerodrome at St. Denis-Westrem in Belgium. An official statement from the Admiralty indicated that the raid was the most effective yet made. Considerable damage was done, and there were heavy German casualties. The Admiralty stated, in describing the operation as "highly satisfactory." Before raiding St. Denis-Westrem the aerodrome at Chistelies and Handzame were heavily bombed.

Editor Edward Beck and almost the entire staff of the Winnipeg Telegram, generally regarded as belonging to Hon. Robert Rogers, have been subpoenaed as witnesses before agricultural building probe, as a result of a scathing attack made by that paper on Justice Gault, commissioner in the inquiry, respecting the clash between the Commissioner and Mr. Rogers, who was a witness.

The people of Stratford and vicinity have applied for allotments of the new Canadian war loan to the extent of \$154,000.

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GERMANS EXPECTING GREAT ALLIED DRIVE

Officers Instructed to Prepare Inferiors to Take Command of Forces.

Paris, Sept. 23.—A significant document in the form of a confidential service order has been found on a German prisoner recently captured. The order is dated September 14th, and was issued by the chief of the General Staff of the third army group to the officers.

It refers to the "new battle engines employed by the enemy whose cruelty is equalled by their efficiency," evidently meaning the new armored automobiles used by the British, the so-called "Tanks." "No doubt," says the order, "the enemy will intensify the use of these monstrous engines and measures must be taken to combat them as far as possible."

The order also says that the recent Anglo-French attacks are but a prelude of what is shortly to be expected and enjoins the commanding officers to prepare gradually the inferior and accustom them to take over commands for all eventualities. The officers are also notified that the attacked positions must be held at all costs, whatever the intensity of the bombardment and that officers whose men do not fight to the death are liable to court martial.

IT CANNOT CAUSE RESTRAINT OF TRADE

By Prohibiting Direct Deliveries of Liquor to Consumers in Ontario.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Sept. 23.—Serious doubt is expressed in provincial political circles as to whether the legislature will be prepared to respond to any request which may be made to amend the Ontario Temperance Act at the next session to make direct deliveries of liquor from brewers or distillers warehouse to individual consumers impossible. The constitutional difficulties in the way are stated to be insurmountable, inasmuch as the British North America Act does not permit of any legislation which will place restraint upon trade between provinces of the Dominion.



HON. F. E. SMITH, Member of the New Brunswick Government, returned in the Carleton by-election.

WENT UP AGAIN.

A New Record in Initial Trading on 'Change. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Sept. 23.—United States Steel, Common, sold at 115, up 1%, and a new record in initial trading on the Stock Exchange today. During the heaviest two hour session of trading since 1908 U. S. Steel, Common, jumped to 117 1/2, an advance of 4 1/2 over yesterday's closing figure.

Table with columns: Canadian Stocks, Open, Close. Includes General Electric, Nova Scotia Steel, Smelters, Steel of Canada, Steamships, Steel Corporation.

BASEBALL ON FRIDAY.

National League. New York, 5; Chicago, 0. Brooklyn, 11; St. Louis, 1. Cincinnati, 8; Boston, 5. Philadelphia, 7; Pittsburgh, 4. American League. Chicago, 6; New York, 3. Boston, 4; Cleveland, 1. Detroit, 6; Washington, 5. St. Louis, 6; Philadelphia, 3.

To Vote on Question (Special to the Whig.)

Melbourne, Sept. 23.—The Australian Senate today passed by a vote of 17 to 9 a bill calling for a referendum on the question of conscription, which had already passed the House of Representatives. Women will vote at the election.

Sank Turkish Crafts (Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, Sept. 23.—A Russian torpedo boat sank three Turkish ships and several sailing vessels loaded with coal at the port of Eregh, 128 miles east of Constantinople.

A TRAVELLING OPERATING THEATRE.



The motor field operating theatre which is to be presented to the Italian Government by the Wounded Allies Relief Association.

TURKISH TROOPS GO TO DOBRUDJA

Where the Fighting Has Now Developed Into Trench Warfare.

THE RETREATING TEUTONS

FAILED TO DRAW THE RUSSIANS INTO A TRAP.

Mackensen Preparing to Make a Stand—Heavy Fight is Taking Place Between the Armies in Dobrudja.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Sept. 23.—Large bodies of Turkish troops are moving northward through Bulgaria to join the Bulgars and Germans now engaged in heavy fighting with the Russians and Rumanians in Dobrudja. After several days of fierce fighting, much of which occurred in the open, the Dobrudja battle has settled down to trench warfare, with first one side and then the other attempting to breach the enemy's lines.

A Bucharest despatch today reported that the retreating Teutons made an unsuccessful effort to draw the Russians into a trap, but the German flanking operations were defeated. It also said that the retreat of Mackensen's army in Dobrudja has halted, and Mackensen is preparing to make a stand.

VALUABLE TROPHY.

Second Canadian Division Sends Home German Machine Gun.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The militia department is in possession of a German trophy of real value. It is a Hun machine gun, captured by the Canadian second division at Ypres. The gun has been sent over from Canadian headquarters at the battle front, and is the most interesting of several battlefield trophies.

Fighting Hard For Positions

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, Sept. 23.—Allied troops are within an hour's march of the Serbian town of Kenali, just across the Greek frontier, on the Florina-Monastir railway. It is believed the position will be taken at the first assault. The Bulgars have partially evacuated Monastir, and are removing some guns from Babouna Pass defenses. The Belgian cavalry are now assisting the Allies, also Greek revolutionists.

Enemy Forces in Retreat.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Sept. 23.—An unconfirmed wireless despatch from Rome this afternoon said that the German-Bulgarian forces are retreating from Rumania and that the Rumanian fortress of Siliistra, occupied two weeks ago by Mackensen, has been abandoned.

ONTARIO LIBERAL CLUBS

PROGRAMME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEDERATION

On The 11th of October in London, Ont.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, N. W. Rowell and Hon. Mr. Norris, Winnipeg, to speak.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Ont., Sept. 23.—The announcement was made today by the London Liberal Club of the preliminary draft of the programme for the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Liberal Clubs, which is to be held on Oct. 11th. This is the big gathering in connection with which it has been already announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, N. W. Rowell, and Hon. Mr. Norris, Prime Minister of Manitoba, will be speakers at the evening banquet.

Every delegate to the annual meeting will attend the banquet, while provision has been made for several hundred other visitors to the banquet and the latter, whether members of the club in affiliation with the Federation or not are being invited to the afternoon meeting as well.

This meeting will be held in Hyman Hall, the large auditorium of the London Liberal Club, and the programme promises to be most interesting. Following the preliminaries which commence at one o'clock, three or four topics will be freely discussed and "The Patronage System" are to be discussed, while the subject that promises to arouse great interest is "Canada's Duty To Her Soldiers." The Federation executive is selecting four representative members to lead in the discussion and all other speakers will be limited to five minutes each.

The tickets for the banquet are being sent out only where the dollar admission fee has been sent to C. C. Ferguson, secretary at London, and these are to be accompanied by delegate badges as a reception committee has been appointed to make the visitors welcome. Already the applications for tickets are numerous, and the accommodation of 350 seats, reserved for Liberals outside of London, is likely to be spoken for within the next week especially as the railways are giving a round trip at a fare and a third from all places west of Toronto.

12,000,000 SHELLS FIRED.

Terrific Bombardment Preceded Latest British Drive. London, Sept. 23.—During the bombardment that preceded the British advance on the Somme Friday, the British guns must have thrown at least 12,000,000 shells on the German lines and positions, says Malcolm Ross, war correspondent with the New Zealand forces.

Canadian shipping interests are up in arms against a by-law of the Mersey docks board prohibiting labor at the Liverpool docks on Sunday.

MUNICIPALITIES WANT THE SEYMOUR TAXES

Mayors and Reeves Will Ask Hydro Commission to Modify Action. Port Hope, Sept. 23.—The Mayors and Reeves from all the municipalities in the counties of Victoria, Peterborough, Ontario, Durham and Northumberland met here. As a result of the acquisition of the Seymour interests in the Trent district by the Hydro-Electric Commission the municipalities will possibly lose all the taxes on the property heretofore owned by the former company. A resolution moved by Mayor Conant of Ottawa, seconded by Mayor Kyle of Lindsay, was unanimously carried, protesting against the action of the Hydro-Electric, and appointing a strong deputation to wait upon the Commission with a view to having the taxes of 1916 paid.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Russians have captured some of the first forts of Halicz.

French troops are already in the outskirts of Comblès. The British are also moving forward on the Somme river.

A total of fifty-five thousand German prisoners have been taken on the Somme offensive.

The Greek revolt is spreading. Part of the navy has mutinied.

Ten thousand troops will winter at Toronto.

G.T.R. BRAKESMEN

UNDER ARREST

Charged With Stealing Goods From Some Cars At Napanee.

STOLEN GOODS ARE FOUND

IN BRAKEMAN DICKSON'S HOME AT BROCKVILLE.

Silas Woodcock Loses Part of Thumb—No Drunks all Week at Napanee—Cheese Sold at 21 Cents. (From Our Own Correspondent) Napanee, Sept. 23.—A number of boxcars on the C. N. R. and G. T. R. tracks here have been broken into during the last week and a quantity of goods stolen, including drygoods, groceries, candies, etc. The Chief of Police has been working on the case, and as a result Benjamin Dickson and Donald Beach, of Brockville, G. T. R. Brakesmen, were arrested in Belleville Thursday night, charged with stealing the goods. When Dickson's home in Brockville was searched a large quantity of stolen goods were found, apparently the proceeds of other car robberies. The articles stolen from the cars in Napanee were all recovered. The accused will be brought here for trial.

Silas Woodcock, an employee of the Gibbard Furniture Company, met with an accident, resulting in the loss of part of his thumb, whilst operating a saw at the factory.

Not a drunk has appeared in the police court this week, which is something unusual. Annie Schuyver, arrested by Chief Barrett for theft, appeared before Magistrate Rankin, pleading guilty to the charge, and as there was a previous conviction against her, she was sentenced to not less than three months and not more than two years in the Mercer reformatory.

At the weekly meeting of the Napanee Cheese Board yesterday the following cheese was boarded and sold for 21 cents: White—Moscow, 100; Kingsford, 65; Selby, 125; Deseronto, 110. Colored—Napanee, 105; Forest Mills, 100; Union, 140; Odessa, 130; Farmers' Friend, 80; Marlbank, 55; Camden East, 115; Johnson, 45; Wilton, 120; Entreprise, 75; Whitman Creek, 40; Bay View, 35.

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URGES STERNER METHODS.

Times Says New Greek Cabinet Set of Intriguers. London, Sept. 23.—The Times, in an editorial urging sterner methods by the Entente in Greece says: "The new Greek Cabinet is a collection of puppets and intriguers, whose position would be merely ludicrous were it not fraught with danger to their country and embarrassment to the Allies. They have been called to the office for the sole object of thwarting the Entente. It is notorious that these men are hostile to the Allies; that they desire the victory of our enemies; that their underhand manoeuvres against us are limited only by their fears. We must end this state of affairs, which daily become more dangerous to the interests of the Entente."

GERMANS EXPECT TO LOSE FERONIE.

London, Sept. 23.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Daily Telegraph says: Disillusioned by the recent successful British assault, the enemy seems no longer to entertain the idea that the Allies' offensive on the Somme has come to a standstill. Their correspondents at the front admit the French are creeping closer to Feronie, and more hints are creeping out that the enemy may soon lose possession of the town.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. Love took up the harp of Life, and made on all the chords with might; Smote the chord of Self, that trembling, passed in music out of sight. —TENNYSON.

VENIZELOS TO HEAD THE REVOLUTIONISTS?

He Will Wait Brief Time to See What the King Does.

Athens, Sept. 23.—Ex-Premier Venizelos, in an interview evaded a request to deny or verify the report that he was going to Salonika to head a temporary Greek revolutionary Government. He answered: "If the King will not hear the voice of the people we must ourselves decide what to do."

He added, however, that he was resolved to "wait a brief time yet," and see what action the Katergoropoulos Cabinet would take.

The ex-Premier expressed the opinion that of the Bulgar-German forces are successful, "certainly all of Macedonia is lost to Greece." He denounced Bulgaria and Germany for violating their pledge by occupying Greek territory. After arguing at length in favor of Greek intervention on the Allies' side he added: "And finally we are, perhaps, on the verge of making, now at least, that war which we have not fought, but have paid for in blood, tears and treasure."

PRAIRIE PROVINCES GROW IN POPULATION

In Spite of Drain of War and Recent Commercial Depression.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The results of the quinquennial census of the Prairie Provinces taken last June by a large staff employed by the Census Department will be announced within a few days. The population figures are now practically completed and will be issued in instalments, giving first the urban populations and after that the populations of the rural districts. While no definite figures are yet available for publication, it is understood that the general results show that there has been some increase in the total population in the three provinces despite the drain of the war and the effect of the commercial depression of two years ago. The increase, however, is small compared with the big increase of the preceding five years, when settlers were pouring into the west and everything was booming. Among the cities Winnipeg shows the largest increase in population.

ENDING ENEMY FIRMS.

312 Businesses Wound Up Under the Defence Act.

London, Sept. 23.—Between January 27th and August 18th of this year no fewer than 312 enemy businesses have been wound up under the Defence of the Realm Amendment Act. These businesses represent many millions of capital, and a very large number of them were companies which had been registered in this country as English limited liability concerns, but in which enemy capital and interest predominated. In several instances the share capital ran into hundreds of thousands of pounds. In other cases, with a small capital, the concern had enormous ramifications over the whole British Empire.

The official who winds up the businesses realizes the assets, pays off creditors and hands the balance to a public trustee any amount which would be payable to enemy subjects. The latter payments are vested in the Public Trustee until the termination of the war, when the money will be dealt with in such manner as the King may, by Order in Council, direct.

The winding-up means that the businesses are swept away as far as the enemy owners are concerned. One of these businesses was recently disposed of by the Public Trustee for £50,000.

Reprisals are threatened by the German Federal Council. According to the Berliner Tageblatt, Germany holds £75,000,000 of British assets, but this sum can be increased by more than £50,000,000 if the British assets in Belgium and Poland are added.

BORN.

COWLING—At Napanee, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cowling, a daughter.

BOVAY—At Christina Street, Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bovay, a daughter.

MARRIED. CAERETTE-SPENCE—At Rhodes Ave. Presbyterian church, Toronto, on Wednesday, September 23rd, 1916, Jennie Hallett, fifth daughter of Mrs. A. Spence (formerly of Kingston) to Frederick W. Carrette (of the 19th Battalion), Toronto.

SARGENT-REID—At Stella on Sept. 20, 1916, at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Cumberland, Ida Priscilla, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reid, to George C. Sargent, son of Mrs. D. Sargent of this city.

DIED.

BUCHNER—In Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 17th, Mrs. R. Buchner (nee Lillie Anderson, Pieter), Dufferin in Glenwood cemetery, Pieter.

HOUSTON—In Omaha, Neb., on Sept. 21st, 1916, Elizabeth Campbell, widow of late Rev. Samuel Houston, formerly of Kingston.

FUNERAL from her son-in-law's residence, Dr. J. W. Campbell, 235 Queen street, Monday morning, 9 o'clock to Cataract cemetery.

WOOD—In Ameliasburg, on Sept. 12th, Bertha Darling, wife of Abraham Wood, aged 45 years.

TATY—In Kingston, on Sept. 22nd, 1916, William Taty, aged 75 years. Funeral from his late residence, 13 Clergy street west, Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock to Cataract cemetery.

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